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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: People interested in the Earthen Drainage Channel, Burley Creek Hatchery Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has issued a finding of no significant impact and has made a decision to fund a project proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This letter describes NOAA's project and environmental review process, BPA's decision, and how to obtain additional information.

Background:

NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center plans to construct an earthen drainage channel at its Burley Creek Hatchery in Kitsap County, Washington. The Earthen Drainage Channel, Burley Creek Hatchery Project will facilitate increased discharge of treated effluent from the hatchery facility into the adjacent Burley Creek.

NOAA, in cooperation with BPA, prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to help determine the potential impacts the project would have on the natural and human environment. BPA and NOAA released the draft EA for public review and comment in December 2012, and received comments from five entities. NOAA prepared a final EA that provides responses to comments received and includes revision to the analysis based on those comments. Based on the EA analysis and mitigation measures to help lessen impacts, BPA has found that the project will not cause any significant impacts, and has issued a finding of no significant impact.

Project construction is expected to begin in June 2014 and continue through November 2014.

For More Information:

The final EA and FONSI are enclosed if you previously requested them. If you did not receive a copy of any of these documents and would like one, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. It is also available on BPA's website at: www.bpa.gov/goto/BurleyCreek.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (if requested):

FONSI
Final EA

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